

Congressman Pence and the American Energy Solutions Group (AESG) continues on their Energy Summit tour across the county with an event in Indianapolis today.

The AESG was in Pittsburgh yesterday for the first summit. The *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* was there and

[ran this piece this morning](#)

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Mr. Pence, who chaired a morning-long "energy summit" convened by the Republican American Energy Solutions Group at the Holiday Inn - North, said the party's energy policy will focus on "traditional" fossil fuels, seek more access to domestic coal, oil and natural gas resources, and promote development of nuclear energy.

He said the Waxman-Markey American Clean Energy and Security Act, which would place limits on heat-trapping pollution emissions by establishing a "cap and trade" emissions market, could raise household energy costs by \$3,100 a year.

The *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* [was also there](#) , noting:

The group is comprised of 26 House members charged by House Republican leader John Boehner of Ohio with devising an alternative to Waxman-Markey.

The group is intent on doing everything possible to stop Waxman-Markey from becoming law, said Rep. Mike Pence of Indiana. Also attending yesterday's event at the Holiday Inn in Ross were Reps. Tim Murphy of Upper St. Clair and Glenn Thompson of Centre County.

"Advocates of the legislation call it a jobs bill, but we believe the opposite is true," Pence said. "It's an economic declaration of war on the Midwest (including Pennsylvania) by the liberals in Washington."

Congressman Pence was on *FOX News* this morning to discuss the purpose of the energy summits in advance of the one in Indianapolis:

The House Republican Conference has more information on the Energy Summits [HERE](#) , as well as Congressman

[Pence's remarks as prepared for delivery](#)

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"This energy tax will not be borne evenly across the United States. According to a study that ranks Congressional districts based on their manufacturing employment and amount of electricity derived from coal, the Midwest and Southeast will suffer the most. In fact, 8 of the 9 Congressional districts in Indiana rank in the top 20 districts hardest hit by cap-and-tax, and Indiana is ranked as the hardest hit State nationwide.

"The reality is the cap and tax legislation offered by the Democrats amounts to an economic declaration of war on the Midwest by liberals on Capitol Hill.

"Let me be clear. Republicans want to protect our environment, and believe we can do so while at the same time growing our economy and protecting jobs. Republicans believe we can increase American energy production made by American workers, encourage greater efficiency and conservation, and promote the use of alternative fuels without enacting a national energy tax.